

## **2020 USHJA HUNTERDON CUP EQUITATION CLASSIC SPECIFICATIONS**

*Changes from 2019 are in bold, italics, and underlined.*

### **I. QUALIFYING**

The Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic may be held at either (or both) the East and West Coast USEF Junior Hunter National Championships. It is open to any Junior rider that has won either a USEF Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic at a competition with a start date between June 1 and May 31 of the qualifying year. Riders must be an active USHJA Junior member at the time of competition in order to compete. Past winners of either the East Coast or West Coast USHJA Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic are no longer eligible to compete in either finals.

### **II. COMPETITION FORMAT**

1. Round 1 – Classic Hunter Round. Riders to show over a classic hunter course of at least ten (10) jumps. Scores to be announced.
2. Round 2 – Handy Hunter Round. Riders to show over a handy hunter course of at least ten (10) jumps. Handiness and brilliance to be emphasized. The top twenty (20) riders will return for the Handy Hunter Round in reverse order of scores from Round 1. Scores to be announced.
3. Round 3 – Final Round. Based on the combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2. A minimum of the top four (4) and a maximum of the top ten (10) riders will be asked to switch horses and jump a third course designed by the judges. The course will consist of components of Round 2 with a maximum of eight (8) jumps. The jumps may not be changed in any way from Round 2, and the riders may not be asked to execute anything that they have not already executed on their own horse previously in this competition. Riders will switch as follows: riders one and two, riders three and four, riders five and six, et cetera. The riders will be asked to switch horses in either the show arena or a secured schooling area with the help of one (1) assistant per rider. This assistant may not be the rider's trainer. A schooling supervisor will oversee the switching of horses and subsequent schooling. Once the riders have switched horses they will line up at the direction of the judges and the course will be announced with the final competitors in the ring and all fences will be judged. As their numbers are called, riders will return in reverse order of the combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2 (lower to higher) and will be asked to do a brief flat, jump no more than two (2) schooling jumps and continue promptly to the final round course. No trainer assistance will be allowed once the finalists have been announced. Scores will be given, but not announced until the final awards ceremony.

### **III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. At least ten (10) hunter type jumps including a minimum of two (2) jumps with no ground lines.
2. Jumps to be set at 3'6".
3. A variety of jumps that will nicely challenge the riders are encouraged.
4. **Fences are required to be numbered. Fence numbers from Round II shall remain in place for Round III course.**

### **IV. TACK**

Refer to EQ105.5a in the USEF Rule Book for current specifications.

### **V. SCHOOLING**

1. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds for a minimum of twelve (12) hours before the start of the competition.
2. Commencing twelve (12) hours before the start of the US Junior Hunter National Championship competition

and continuing until finished competing in the USHJA Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic, only the competition rider may ride his entry. These riders must wear their competition number whenever mounted. Riders may change horses for the Hunterdon Cup only in the case of illness or injury to the declared horse, with verification from the horse show veterinarian and approval from the horse show committee.

**VI. JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES**

1. Two (2) judges will be selected by the USHJA for each of the USHJA Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic-East and West Coast events.
2. Both judges will sit together for the duration of the class and provide one (1) numerical score for each competitor in each phase.
3. Riders to be judged on style and smoothness with an emphasis on hunter style of riding.
4. The scores from each round will be combined for a final total score for each rider.
5. The final combined scores from each rider will be used to determine placings.
6. All ties will be broken using the scores from Round 1.

**VII. AWARDS**

1. The previous year's winner, if available, will be asked to assist in the presentation of the top ten (10) ribbons.
2. Ribbons will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup> place with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order.
3. The Overall Champion will be presented the Hunterdon Cup Perpetual Trophy. This trophy will be kept on display at the USHJA Headquarters and the rider will receive a keeper trophy.
4. Recognition will be given to the Trainer of the Overall Champion.
5. Recognition will be given for the Best Equitation Horse. To be awarded to the horse deemed by the judges to be the best and most suitable equitation horse competing in the Hunterdon Cup.

**VIII. USHJA CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please contact one of the following USHJA representatives if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Hunterdon Cup Equitation Classic that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided:

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